



# Undergraduate Summer Online Courses

## Are they right for you?

St. Mary's University offers several online courses throughout the academic year. Online courses are often harder, not easier, than on-campus courses. They are not suggested for students with academic difficulties during the past two semesters. If you are considering one of these courses, there are several factors to consider.

The major difference between online versus on-campus courses is delivery. Without a face-to-face lecture, your instructor's primary means of delivering learning content is through readings, PowerPoint slides, activities, and assignments. It takes constant discipline to keep on top of your coursework.

The biggest misconception regarding online courses is that they are self-paced. They are not. Each online course is set to a strict schedule, just like on-campus courses. Every week, often every day, is carefully structured. You must engage from day one.

For more information about undergraduate online courses, talk to your adviser, call the Registrar's Office at 210-436-3701, or visit <http://online.stmarytx.edu>.

### To Succeed You Must Be...

- ✓ self-motivated and self-directed
- ✓ interested in online learning
- ✓ excited about learning new skills
- ✓ familiar and comfortable with online technology
- ✓ assertive and willing to "speak up"
- ✓ willing to share thoughts, work, and educational experiences
- ✓ able to focus on short and long-term goals
- ✓ able to communicate entirely through writing
- ✓ able to digest large amounts of online reading
- ✓ able to apply diligent time management and organizational skills
- ✓ able to commit at least 6 hours per week to class

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